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Detailed Operational Plan

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This memorandum documents the release of the 2020 Census Detailed Operational Plan for Geographic Programs Operation – Geographic Data Processing. This document baselines the overall 2020 Census frame development process and provides specific details for the Geographic Data Processing operation. It will be updated over time to reflect changes in strategies that result from census planning, research, and testing activities.

The Geographic Data Processing program includes all activities that relate to the extract, update, and maintenance of the features, boundaries and addresses in the MAF/TIGER System. Geographic data captured as part of the 2020 Census, including address updates, structure coordinate locations, boundaries, and roads data will be processed to ensure that the MAF/TIGER System is up to date.

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